

# AMERICAN AUTHOR & GENIUS, EDGAR ALLAN POE, DEAD AT 40!

## *BUT WHY?*

At midnight on Sept. 27, 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe walked out of a Restaurant in Richmond, Virginia... **and disappeared.**

His disappearance has been the topic of countless theories—perhaps he was mugged by crazies? perhaps he went crazy? *OR* perhaps an underlying illness led to his untimely death?

On October 3rd, a delirious Poe was found on the streets of Maryland, "in great distress, and ... in need of immediate assistance". He was taken to a hospital, where he died at 5 a.m. on Sunday, October 7. He was never fully “awake” enough to explain how he came to be in this condition.

...Over 160 years later, the mystery remains. And some of Mrs. Tolin’s Language Arts students set out to solve it!

8<sup>th</sup> grade Team Typhoon students have engaged in a 2-week study to try to solve the mystery behind this genius—*yet cursed*—man’s death. During the week of Nov. 12-16<sup>th</sup>, Team Typhoon will officially begin their campaign to spread the word about their group’s conclusive theory and to convince YOU, Nordon Middle School!

**ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADERS AND STAFF:** Please visit the Media Center all next week beginning Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> before or after school or during your lunch periods to check-out Team Typhoon’s displays. Your Language Arts teachers will pass out voting ballots to your classes next Monday. Vote for the theory you find to be the most informative and convincing, and **YOU** may win yourself a \$5 Chipotle gift card!

Keep your eyes open for pamphlets and posters in the hallway for more information!

**CAN YOU HELP SOLVE ONE OF THE GREATEST  
MYSTERIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY?**